GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2884
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WITHDRAWAL OF WATER BY PRIVATE PLAYERS FROM PERIYAR RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow private players to draw water from Periyar river in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith conditions and the period for which sanction given;

(c) whether any feasibility study has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the river is facing acute water shortage and intrusion of salt water from the sea;

(f) whether this would further aggravate the situation; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Government of Kerala has reported that there is no proposal allowing private parties to draw water from the river Periyar in Kerala.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) During the dry season the flow in the river gets reduced and there is intrusion of salt water to a certain extent.

(f) & (g) Do not arise.